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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on the Southern California Regional Airport Authority

BACKGROUND:

The long-dormant Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA) was recently reactivated at the initiative of the City of Los Angeles, to fulfill their obligations under the LAX Settlement Agreement to "Invite the Federal Aviation Administration, the Southern California Association of Governments, Southern California counties and airport operators to participate in a working group to plan for regional distribution of air traffic demand" and to "Develop a regional strategic planning initiative to encourage passenger and cargo activity at LAWA's other airports."

The first meeting of the reactivated SCRAA was held on October 12, 2006 at the MTA offices. SCAG participated in the meeting as an ex-officio non-voting member. The keynote speaker at the meeting was SCAG consultant Scott MacKenzie who presented the initial stakeholder survey results from SCAG's ongoing Regional Airport Management Implementation Study. Mr. MacKenzie's presentation overviewed the past history of the SCRAA, including its reasons for failure, and current stakeholder attitudes about reactivating the authority. The SCRAA will hold its next meeting in January 2007, when it will address the issue of reconstituting its powers and membership. SCAG is currently formulating a position on this issue.

Staff from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) will present an update on the SCRAA. LAWA is currently providing administrative support to the authority.


FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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